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# Mason named new provost and senior vice president

By Tim Schrag  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's search for a provost and senior vice president has ended.

On Tuesday, K-State announced April Mason, current dean of the College of Applied Human Sciences at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. She will arrive at K-State and begin her work as provost and senior vice president in early 2010.

John English, dean of the College of Engineering and chair of the provost and senior vice presidential search committee, said many factors went into making a recommendation to K-State President Kirk Schulz, who ultimately offered the position to Mason. These factors included interviews, bringing the candidates to campus, discussions with the committee and evaluating the

online surveys filled out by faculty, staff and students at K-State.

"We spent an extended meeting going through the data, discussed the candidates and made our recommendation to the president," English said.

A great deal of time and consideration went in to making the committee's recommendation, which they presented to Schulz last Monday, English said. There were four candidates up for the position, and each gave a presentation earlier in the year. Mason, who accepted the position on Friday, was the first to present to the public.


"They're all wonderful people, and it was the responsibility that the committee took very seriously to be very careful and look at the strengths and weaknesses and provide a discussion," English said.

President Schulz said he met with the search committee to talk

about the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate prior to making his decision.

"I was looking for a person with a broad skill set at a land-grant university," Schulz said. "I was looking for an individual that would complement my leadership style and would be an important member of our cabinet and sort of our executive leadership team and, if at all possible, we sort of wanted to put together a more diverse cabinet. And if you added all those things together, I felt that April was the right choice for us."

During Mason's presentation on Oct. 27, she identified what she thought were the qualities necessary to be the provost and senior vice president. Among those were representing leadership; overseeing a diverse academic institution; flexibility; pro-



Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN

**April Mason**, College of Applied Human Sciences dean at Colorado State University, was chosen to be the next provost and senior vice president of K-State.

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POLICE REPORT

## Student hit by car near campus

By Sarah Rajewski  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A K-State student was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center on Monday after he was hit by a vehicle, according to another RCPD report.

Tyler Hower, senior in park management and conservation, was on the west side of North Manhattan Avenue headed east, Crosby said.

Hower, 28, of 112 Thurston St., entered a crosswalk when he was hit by a 1997 Dodge van, according to the report.

The driver, Charles Fleeker, 66, of 607 Pottawatomie Ave., was headed southbound on Manhattan, Crosby said.

The incident occurred at 11:44 a.m. at the intersection of Manhattan and Lovers Lane, according to the report.

Hower, who had a possible concussion, was transported to Mercy by an ambulance, Crosby said.

**OGDEN MAN CHARGED WITH RAPE**

An Ogden, Kan., man was

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CITY COMMISSION

## Mayor objects to raises, manager

By Corene Brisendine  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

City salary increases and the hiring of an at-risk manager for the Flint Hills Discovery Center brought heated debate to the Manhattan City Commission meeting Tuesday night.

On the consent agenda, commissioners argued whether city salary raises were warranted during a time when other businesses and government agencies around the area were cutting back.

"It's not that it's a big pool of money," Mayor Bob Strawn said. "It's the message we are sending. While others are struggling, the city is giving raises."

Commissioner Loren Peppard agreed with Strawn on the issue of city salaries.

Another item on the agenda concerned transferring land, which has been returned to the city to satisfy a debt by Farrar Corporation, to the Manhattan Day Care.

The consent agenda passed five to zero with exceptions. The salary and land transfer items passed with a vote of three-to-two. Two other items only passed four-to-zero due to conflicts of interests. Peppard had a conflict of interest concerning construction of a building, and Strawn had a conflict of interest concerning the iss-

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# Strutting their stuff

## Fashion show features Fair Trade clothing, jewelry

By Karen Ingram  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Music pulsed and models strutted and twirled in front of more than 40 people at the first Fair Trade Advocates' Fashion Show last night. The fashion show was part of Fair Trade Week at K-State.

The models were all volunteers from Fair Trade Advocates, Student Governing Association and other student organizations. The clothing, bags and jewelry models demonstrated were loaned from Fair Trade Certified companies like Urban Haat, Marketplace India, Global Mamas and AWAZ. Everything featured at the show will be available at the Fair Trade Market in the K-State Student Union beginning today at 10 a.m.

"I think it's a great way to show the diversity of clothing that is available through Fair Trade vendors," said Stephanie Alderman-Oler, senior in secondary education and president of K-State Fair Trade Advocates.

Fair Trade companies follow regulations to ensure people in third-world countries who make their products are paid a fair price. Companies not certified might use sweatshops where employees often are paid very little and forced to work long hours in unsafe environments.

Several models felt using humor would help to get the message across.

"Things like this need a degree of humor," said Matt DeCapo, senior in architectural engineering. He illustrated his point by showing off some dance moves and funny poses on the catwalk, earning some laughs from the audience.

DeCapo said he became interested in Fair Trade after going on a trip to India with Engineers Without Borders, an organization that helps developing countries with issues, such as renewable energy sources and sanitation. DeCapo said the experience of traveling to a developing country changed him.

"It made me wonder about humans' priorities," said DeCapo. "In this country, we spend so much time, resources, energy on comforting ourselves and providing more ways to entertain ourselves."


Nathan Retta, senior in chemical engineering and member of Fair Trade Advocates, was pleased by the number of people who came to the fashion show. Retta volunteered to model when he found out they were short on male models for the show.

"I was happy to participate," Retta said. "The camera loves me."

Malcolm Dofat, freshman in computer science, said he attended the show because several friends asked him to. Dofat said he liked the show and he would try to make time to come to the marketplace with his friends.

The Fair Trade Market runs today and Thursday in the Union from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition to clothing and accessories, the market also will feature Fair Trade Certified products such as coffee and chocolate. Local participating vendors include Rockstar and Rogers, located at 715 N. 12th



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

The Fair Trade Advocates' Fashion Show featured clothes from local retailers, like Rockstar and Rogers, available at Fair Trade Market in the K-State Student Union today and Thursday.

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STREET TALK

Check out **Page 4** to read Beth Mendenhall's argument for reproductive limits.

Q: Do you think there should be a limit on the number of children people are allowed to have?

“It depends who the par-ents are.”

Amanda Garbach  
Senior, architecture

“I think there needs to be an evaluation system, in a sense. There needs to be an aptitude test to determine who is fit to raise children.”

Michael Meitsman  
Senior, architecture

“No, I don't. Some people might not have the resources to take care of children, but because having children is an inalienable right, no restric-tions should be raised.”

Courtney Binper  
Sophomore, open option

“I guess it all depends on the parents. If you're poor and you have five kids, then you're dumb.”

Akeem Giles  
Sophomore, chemistry

THE PLANNER

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**Rec Services** is sponsoring Nutritious November. All nutrition consultations are half-price during the month of November. Stop by the office at Peters Recreation Complex to sign up. Call 785-532-6980 for more information.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral de-fense of the doctoral dissertation of Lance Thurlow at 9 a.m. today in Ackert Hall 324. The thesis topic is "Evasion of Host Innate Immunity by Enterococcus Faecalis: The Roles of Capsule and Gelatinase."

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Michelle Jeanfreau at 10 a.m. today in Campus Creek Complex 214. The thesis topic is "A Qualitative Study Investigating the Decision-Making Process of Women's Participation in Marital Infidelity."

**Career and Employment Services** is promoting Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. today in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit [k-state.edu/ces](http://k-state.edu/ces).

**SafeZone** is presenting "Dealing with Anger-Con-flict Workshop Part II" from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in Room 212 of the K-State Student Union as part of its continuing education sessions. Dorinda Lambert of Counseling Services will moderate the discussion. To register, visit [ksu.edu/safezone](http://ksu.edu/safezone).

**Lafene Health Center** has H1N1 flu vaccinations available for eligible students only. A vaccine clinic will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or until the supply is depleted, Thursday in Forum Hall of the K-State Student Union. No appointment is neces-sary. See Lafene's Web site at [k-state.edu/lafene](http://k-state.edu/lafene) for full eligibility criteria, cost information and to print the required consent form.

**Jesse Nippert**, assistant professor in biology, will present "Local Hydrological Processes Recorded in Plant Water d2H and 18O" at 4 p.m. Thursday in Thompson Hall 213. Refreshments will be provided.

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Jamie Osby Williams at 10 a.m. Friday in Campus Creek Complex 214. The thesis topic is "A Case Study Analysis of Racial Identity in Black and White Interracial Couples Living in the South."

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Rajendra Dahal at 10 a.m. Friday in Cardwell Hall 119. The

thesis topic is "Fabrication and Characterization of III-Nitride Nanophotonic Devices."

**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Bed Pantha at 2:20 p.m. Friday in Cardwell Hall 119. The thesis topic is "Epitaxial Growth of III-Nitride Nanostruc-tures and Application for Visible Emitters and Energy Generation."

**Women on Weights**, a free women's fitness workshop, will be offered at Peters Recreation Complex from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Personal trainers will teach introductory lifting techniques and health benefits of adding weight lifting to a regular workout routine. Sign up in the office by calling 785-532-6980.

**Men & Muscle**, a free men's fitness workshop, will be offered from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Peters Recreation Complex Sunday. Personal trainers will teach specific exercises designed to enhance performance and boost fitness satisfaction. Sign up in the office by calling 785-532-6980.

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DAILY BLOTTER

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

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Do you text while you drive?

A) Yes B) No

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# Working the runway



## FAIRTRADE | Banquet planed to raise world hunger awareness

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715 N. 12th Street and T-La-Re, located at 2047 Fort Riley Blvd. Fair Trade Week concludes this Sunday with the third-annual Hunger Banquet at the ECM Church at 1021 Denison Ave., at 6 p.m. The purpose of the banquet is to raise awareness about world hunger issues. For more information about Fair Trade or any of these events, contact the Fair Trade Advocates at [fta@ksu.edu](mailto:fta@ksu.edu)



Photos by Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

- 1) Fair Trade is a movement to create a more equitable system of global trade. The Fair Trade Market held today and Thursday will bring that movement to the students and faculty of K-State.
- 2) The fashion show in the K-State Student Union Tuesday evening not only featured made from Fair Trade materials from around the world from places such as South America and Africa.
- 3) **Stephanie Alderman-Oler**, senior in secondary education, talks about the different clothing portrayed in the Fair Trade Advocates' Fashion Show Tuesday and about the upcoming Fair Trade Marketplace today and Thursday in the Union.

## CITY | Mayor, commissioners disagree whether Flint Hills Discovery Center project needs at-risk manager

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ance of Industrial Revenue Bonds to GTM Sportswear. Lauren Palmer, assistant city manager, said the at-risk manager would help the city with design and construction of the center and help keep the project within the \$12.3 million budget in her presentation to the commission. The manager would send out bids for sub-contractors to build specific portions of the building. The savings incurred through this process would be shared by the city and the at-risk manager. Strawn said the city's hiring of a manager versus the project sent out for general bids hampered the city's ability to get the best price for the lowest bid. If the city portioned out the contracts rather than the at-

risk manager, the city would save 100 percent of the money and not need to share it. "It's going to be just like the swimming pool," said Peppard. "We have "X" amount of dollars to spend, and that's what we are going to spend on it. We aren't going to save any money." Commissioner James Sherow and Commissioner Bruce Snead, both members of the steering committee for the Discovery Center, disagreed with Strawn. Snead said this was the best choice for the city due to the different nature of the building. He said using the at-risk manager would help the city spend its limited funds wisely and get the most out of it. "I think this way makes the best project possible," said Commissioner Jayme

Morris-Hardeman. "I think this project is unique enough that we need that guiding force to steer us in the right direction." The commission passed the resolution to hire McCownGordon Construction as construction manager at-risk for the design and construction of the Discovery Center with a vote of three-to-two, with Strawn and Peppard against the decision. The last item on the agenda, joining the Flint Hills Planning Commission and applying for the grants necessary to get the commission off the ground, was one topic all commissioners agreed. The city voted five-to-zero to apply for the grant and join the planning commission. Karen Davis, director of community development, said the city needed to apply for the grant because there is no planning

commission at this time and the application for the grant is due by the end of November. The committee that has been working on designing an operation manual, the organization's by-laws and membership agreement is scheduled to meet Friday to finalize the necessary documents to create the commission. Ron Fehr, city manager, said Fort Riley will provide office space for the commission free of charge. While Fort Riley will not provide any direct funding, they will have a nonvoting member on the board. "This is not another level of government," Sherow said, "but rather, a committee that can help local governments better serve the community on a regional scale."

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# Justice for all

## Respect for rights makes United States fair

I was in 7th grade the first time I truly understood what it meant to live in the United States. I vividly remember opening my civics textbook to a chapter on free speech. There, on the opening pages, was a photo of marching Ku Klux Klan members – white hoods and all – apparently at some sort of rally. In the foreground, a female police officer carries a baton, protecting the rally from unseen angry masses.



TIM HADACHEK

Klan marches regularly require police protection of their free speech rights. But in this photo, the female police officer was black. Even now, I'm still in awe of the message that photo sent. If I had to sum up the United States in a single photo, that would be it.

I've spent hours typing various phrases into Google Images, trying to find this picture, but I've turned up nothing. I often wonder about the story behind this image. Who was this woman? Did she volunteer for that duty, or was she assigned? If it was the latter, why did her superior put her there?

Mostly, I wonder about the men underneath the white masks. What were they thinking? Did they realize how ridiculous that woman made them look? They were calling for the eradication of African-Americans in this country, while directly benefiting from this woman's presence. They surely needed the hoods to cover their shame.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks happened about a year after I first saw that picture and the United States identified a new enemy. In the years since, we have pursued, controversially, those who wish us more harm.

The Obama administration made the decision last week to put five of these men on trial in civilian courts. This is the right thing to do.

There is fear that these men, responsi-



Illustration by Ginger Pugh

ble for the planning of the Sept. 11 attacks, will become martyrs, that all they lack is a forum. Some worry their trial will only inspire more terrorists like them.

But martyrdom is only possible when the person is treated unfairly. The terrorists will look ridiculous, spewing rants about "death to America," even as our justice system gives them that right. If we keep them hidden, in facilities like Guantanamo Bay, only then will they become martyrs.

Avoiding giving these men a trial is simply an act of fear. There is almost zero chance the court will find anything other than a guilty verdict and a sentence other than the death penalty. Our courts have tried Timothy McVeigh, Jeffrey Dahmer and Dennis Rader.

The men being held today are worse only in scale. To treat them otherwise almost makes gods out of them and says they are special. It says that we fear them, and so we should treat them differently. Potential jihadists will say, "These men are so powerful they make the United States scared." This is certainly not so, and we should not treat them as such.

The terrorists on trial, like the Klan members protected by the black police officer, don't deserve the rights they hold, but the rights will be given to them anyway, and that's what makes America great.

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# People's need to reproduce leads to overpopulation

As college-educated Americans, we have our hands on the levers of power and change more so than almost any other group on the planet. We have incredible access to information, all avenues of democratic participation and our entire lives ahead of us.



BETH MENDENHALL

That's why it's imperative we shun a myopic focus on local happenings and recognize global issues are important and desperately need our attention. Serious threats to global peace, and possibly the existence of the human race, are real. They include resource depletion, ecological contamination, the threat of great power conflict, endemic poverty, failed states, famine, disease and economic exploitation.

Ironically, all of these global problems have a single, profoundly local solution: We must have fewer children.

It's not difficult to see most of our more pressing problems are caused, or at least compounded by, overpopulation. Questions of carrying capacity aside, its clear our

economic and political systems are not effectively providing for the almost seven billion people on the planet. The United Nations estimates the human population will reach eight to 10 billion by 2050. More people means greater consumption of resources, many of which are either finite or being produced unsustainably.

Potable water is an especially critical resource, and one to which access is increasingly restricted by pollution, overuse and capitalism. Disease is frequently caused by overcrowded, unsanitary living conditions. Famine and poverty are exacerbated by too many people fighting for too few jobs and too little food.

These problems are easy for us to ignore, as we presently remain largely immune to their effects. We ignore that industrialized nations like ours have only been able to maintain materialistic lifestyles because they have the economic and military power to consume a disproportionate share of global resources. This reality, however, only reaffirms our responsibility to address overpopulation.

There are two steps to addressing overpopulation: rejecting the idea we all have an obligation to procreate and increasing access to contraception globally. It's possible

the persistence of the pro-proliferation, anti-contraception mindset is explained by adherence to Catholic doctrine, though I will only note correlation here.

It's undeniable we have an instinct to reproduce. Instincts are not a trump card, however, as we already insist on restraint when following them would cause violence. We ought not remain trapped in the "must pass on my genes" mentality. Alternative family structures have sufficiently proven sharing genetic information isn't necessary for a loving family environment. It is a profoundly selfish act to bring multiple new mouths to feed into the world when so many are currently starving. It also seems unlikely a loving God would want us to reproduce beyond our capacity to maintain the beautiful world he created.

The argument that more children create a better family dynamic and promote healthier development of each child is a good one, but fully addressed by utilizing extended family relationships.

To be clear: I am not advocating government restrictions on reproduction. I only deny we have an unalienable right or obligation to reproduce. The choice is ours. We ought to make it responsibly.

We've no time for naiveté –

sex is inevitable. That's why access to contraception is critical to confronting overpopulation. The UN estimates 200 million women worldwide do not have any access to contraception. It's even hard to get it as a teenager in the U.S. – my grocery store back home keeps the condoms behind a locked cabinet. Reproductive education is also critical.

The global birthrate is unsustainable, and will cause resource conflict sooner than you think (as in now). We have an obligation to recognize and address overpopulation, both to protect the world for future generations and reduce resource pressures on those here already. The best option is adoption as there are thousands of children already born who need the love of a parent. The least we can do is demand better access to reproductive education and contraceptives here in the U.S. and advocate for it globally with our voices and our dollars.

But please, cease breeding like rabbits, and recognize we have a moral responsibility to have only one to two children each.

Beth Mendenhall is a senior in philosophy and political science. Please send comments to [opinion@pub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@pub.ksu.edu).

### TO THE POINT

# Mason enters provost position with high expectations

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Incoming Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason, current dean of the College of Applied Human Sciences at Colorado State University, has more than 20 years of professional experience with land-grant institutions, which leads the Editorial Board to expect great things from her.

The mission of a land-grant institution is to provide education and ser-

vices to the public of each state within the union. As a result, land-grant institutions have become hubs for breakthroughs in agriculture, engineering, science and other industries through the various services they offer.

According to K-State's Web site, the provost and senior vice president is K-State's Chief Academic Officer, whose most important duties are to oversee the academic dimensions of the university and ensure the university's academic standards. The pro-

vost works in cooperation with the president and the Deans Council and is expected to provide leadership in the development, review and operationalization of policies and goals regarding instruction, research and extension programs.

The provost also works closely with the president to develop university priorities, administer program budgets, faculty personnel policies and serves as a representative of the president and in place of the president during his absence.

We expect her to take the mission of the land-grant institution to heart in every decision she makes as these decisions not only affect K-State, but also the entire state of Kansas.

We hope Mason will represent K-State in a professional and prideful manner that shows K-State at its best.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Give thanks to farmers, ranchers

Editors:

With everyone from New York City to Hollywood adding their two cents about how food is raised, it's important you hear from the people who are actually doing the raising – ranchers like me. My family owns and operates an Angus cattle ranch in White City, Kan.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that in America, we are blessed with an abundant food supply. It is safe to say that without the technology and innovation of today's farmers and ranchers, we would be spending a lot more money on much less food. Through scientific advances, we are able to produce more food on fewer acres and more beef and milk with fewer cows.

As cattle ranchers, my family works every day, no matter the weather, to make sure the animals we own have enough good food and water, as well as pasture or pen space to move and shelter from the weather. Unlike other jobs, farming is a 24-hour-per-day job, with no time off on holidays. Often, you will see tractors moving early on Thanksgiving or Christmas morning – even before the family gathers to celebrate.

At this time of year, we are all gathering with family to give thanks. I encourage you to remember to give thanks for our farmers and ranchers and the abundant, safe food supply that we enjoy. Farming or ranching is not a 9-to-5 job. It's a way of life. I'm proud to be an American rancher, and I hope you'll join me in saying thanks to other American farmers and ranchers for providing our food this holiday season.

Meghan Blythe  
FRESHMAN IN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM, WHITE CITY, KAN.

Texting dangerously divides drivers' attention

By Danny Davis  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A student swerved through the median of the interstate while texting. Lee Rathbun, sophomore in political science, was fortunate enough to catch himself before he made it to oncoming traffic, he said.

"I tend to drive late at night, so it keeps me awake sometimes to have conversations," Rathbun said.

A recent report from the National Center for Children in Poverty indicates half of adolescent drivers text while driving. According to research in the report, a person texting while driving is 23 times more likely to be in a collision.

"I don't find those results surprising," said Capt. Tim Hegarty of the Riley County Police Department.

The report comes at a time when the city of Manhattan is examining options regarding a cellular device ban. It is unclear at this point whether the ban will be limited to text messaging or all cellular device uses.

"The problem is not about cell phones," Hegarty said. "It's about divided attention. If someone asked if it's any worse than fiddling with the radio, the answer is 'no.'"

Hegarty said another danger that must be taken into consideration is the inexperience of drivers. Texting is popular with younger age groups, which have less experience on the road.

"It makes the situation a little



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more dangerous," he said.

However, Hegarty said he was uncertain whether there had been a significant increase in accidents related to text messaging. That would take a large amount of research, he said.

Whether a ban on texting is implemented or not, Hegarty said enforcement tactics will most likely not change.

"It presents enforcement difficulties," he said. "We're dealing with enough problems as it is."

If texting is made a primary offense, law enforcement of-

ficials would be able to stop drivers for texting. Alternatively, making texting while driving a secondary offense would allow people to receive citations for inattentive driving if they are pulled over for another reason and found to be texting.

"We're not going to go out and look for texting," Hegarty said. "It probably wouldn't be top priority."

Hegarty said he personally was struck by a driver who was texting and understands the problems presented by the widespread

use of texting while driving.

"It's about as dangerous as talking on your phone," said Anikka Ahmed, graduate student in grain science and industry.

She said she would not support a ban on texting while driving unless it also focused on voice communications.

"I think it definitely poses more risks than talking on a cellphone," said Rachel Helmke, sophomore in psychology.

Helmke said she supports a ban on texting, but would like it to be limited to just that.

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## College football; uncertainty still reigns

Powerhouses have always been a dominant factor in college sports.

Of late, some names have grown very familiar to those who watch sports — Texas, Florida, USC, Ohio State and the list can draw on. A

number of teams show up each and every year to play hard ball and take a shot on the national level.

Mediocrity can be difficult to deal with for a newer fan of a team. Coming to K-State in the past few years, I know a number of people who are not big sports fans and were never really convinced they should root for the teams.

This issue, however, has been worsened by the number of schools and administrators that continue to drop coaches for a couple years of “building.”

Any perpetual fan of sports realizes recruiting is almost as important, if not just as important, as what actually happens on the field during the current year. If coaches cannot get players to fill the void left by departing seniors or professional prospects, their teams will run the risk of plummeting, taking their careers with them.

Not to say that sometimes a few too many chances aren't given, but you get the gist of it. Society, with its ultimate business model drive, continues to cause such uproar within the uncertain sport that is college football.

Evidence? Let's take a peek at some of the games from the past few weeks — even in our own conference. Colorado pulled off upsets against Texas A&M and Kansas, two teams that have frankly been all over the place. But the most upsetting was the Nebraska win over Oklahoma.

Nationally? Iowa, having its best season in years, got all the way up to No. 4 in most polls before being taken down by an unranked opponent. Oregon and USC, ranked No. 8 and No. 9, respectively, were both upset by Stanford. They were not just upset, but embarrassed two weeks straight as Stanford bullied its way into the rankings.

A popular theory is, the more you know about college football, the more likely you are to pick the wrong winner each week. While I don't necessarily agree with that, it is an interesting concept. We are overthinking and overanalyzing a sport in which, quite honestly, the athletes are just kids.

They are the same age and at the same places in their lives as all other college students. Yes, maybe someday they will rake in millions of dollars from their talent, but it does not change the fact they can have an off day like the rest of us.

Critics need to stop pursuing such a professional sports milieu at the college level. This is a location that still allows pure competition and is not driven, for the most part, by money, drugs, sex and television. College football, college basketball, college baseball, etc., are sports worth watching for more than entertainment value.

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# Championship chase



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Senior quarterback **Grant Gregory** eludes Missouri's defense as he scrambles out of the pocket in K-State's 38-12 loss to the Tigers Saturday. **Gregory** could see more of the same this week against Nebraska, as the Huskers' defense is anchored by two lineman who have combined for 14 sacks this year.

## Win would give Wildcats North title, bowl eligibility

By Justin Nutter  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

During his six-year collegiate career, senior quarterback Grant Gregory has seen a lot. But the situation K-State will face this weekend is like nothing the well-traveled veteran has ever experienced.

"It's kind of nuts," Gregory said. "I've never seen anything like this before, but it's certainly a great opportunity."

It hasn't been the prettiest road, but the path is clear for the Wildcats. A win against Nebraska Saturday in Lincoln, Neb., clinches the Big 12 North division title, as well as bowl eligibility. A loss gives the Cornhuskers the division title and leaves K-State one win short of qualifying for a bowl game.

Long story short: A victory gives the Wildcats two more games. A loss ends their season.

"Going to a bowl — it would be awesome," Gregory said. "I've been fortunate enough to go to four straight. Bowl games are awesome; just the opportunity for the seniors to play an extra game. In this case, it would be two extra games."

Statistically, K-State appears to be playing Nebraska at the wrong time. The Huskers, who currently own a half-game lead in the division standings, have reeled off three straight wins, including last weekend's 31-17 win against Kansas in Lawrence. K-State, which led the division for

six straight weeks, is coming off a 38-12 loss to last-place Missouri.

Junior kicker Josh Cherry, who accounted for all of the Wildcats' points last weekend, said K-State has not lost its composure despite losing ground in the race with the Huskers.

"I think the focus is a lot more there," Cherry said. "It's got to be. I can tell you by the way people are talking around the locker room. Everybody's saying, 'We've got to get this win. We need this. I want this so bad.' That just tells me that we're going to give everything we have this weekend."

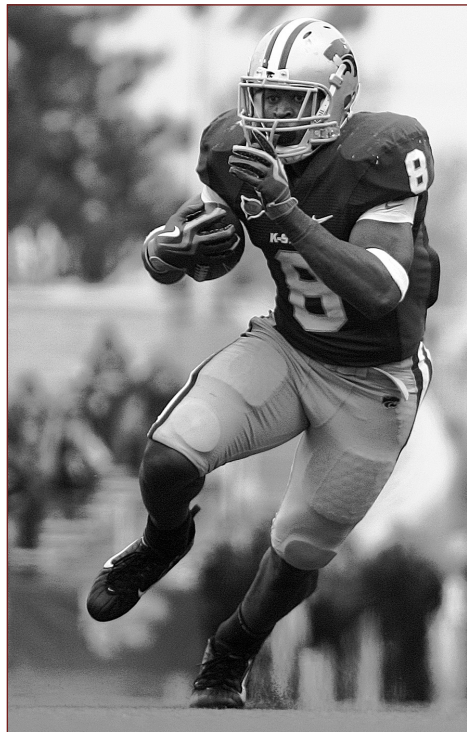
The Wildcats will likely have to be flawless, as there is little room for error against a Nebraska defense ranked third in the country in points allowed. The Huskers' resurgent defensive unit, once known as the "Blackshirts," has been led this season by defensive tackles Ndamukong Suh and Jared Crick. The duo has combined for 14 sacks and 27 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

"Both of their inside guys, Crick and Suh, are both real big, solid guys," said junior offensive lineman Zach Kendall. "Strong, athletic, good moves. Everything you hear is true."

Senior Nick Stringer, Kendall's fellow offensive lineman, echoed his teammate's thoughts and added he's being fueled by the memory of K-State's lopsided 73-31 loss in Lincoln in 2007.

"It's something that's kind of in the back of my mind. This is a very big game. We didn't play well last weekend, but fortunately, there's still a lot at stake for this next game."

—Nick Stringer,  
SENIOR OFFENSIVE LINEMAN



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN

Junior running back **Daniel Thomas**, cuts right against Missouri Saturday.

"It was an embarrassing football game for our program," Stringer said. "It's something that's kind of in the back of my mind. This is a very big game. We didn't play well last weekend, but fortunately, there's still a lot at stake for this next game."

Fans not making the trip to Lincoln can catch the game live on ESPN, as the network elected to televise the game as part of its national package. Kickoff is slated for 6:45 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

## Wildcats hope to topple another ranked Texas team

By Sam Nearhood  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Looking to continue its recent success against Texas teams, including an upset of then-No. 23 Texas A&M, the K-State volleyball team will face No. 2 Texas in Austin, Texas at 6:30 p.m.

The Longhorns (20-1, 15-1 Big 12 Conference) have found favorable outcomes in each of the last 14 meetings against K-State, save one five-game match. This season, the team has only lost to one opponent, Iowa State, and has defeated 10 ranked teams, with most conference victories claimed in three-game sweeps.

K-State (10-16, 4-12), however, is determined to finish the season on a high note, said sophomore defensive specialist Abby Fay.

"We're at the point where we know we're going to be done in four games," Fay said. "So we might as well go out there and give it our all and play our hearts out and maybe knock a few people off while we're at it."

The matchup from early October saw four Wildcats with hitting percentages over .350, including a career-high performance of .667 from freshman middle blocker Alex Muff. As a team, K-State swung for .300, the highest percentage allowed by Texas.

When asked if her team could find similar numbers this time, head coach Suzie Fritz expressed

confidence in the players.

"I have to assume so," Fritz said. "I have to assume we can play well at any time. I'm an optimist by nature. I don't see why we can't."

K-State will head to Texas with solid statistics. Senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman is second in the conference for her hitting percentage of .362, followed closely by breakout performer Muff, and junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm.

In the back row, junior libero Lauren Mathewson still stands alone in digs, leading the team by a large gap and showing in third in the conference.

On the other side of the court, Texas leads the conference in most front-row statistics, with their star senior outside hitter, Destinee Hooker, first in kills and in the top-10 for hitting percentage, service aces and points. She will be assisted by left-handed senior Ashley Engle, another top-10 athlete for the Big 12, this time in assists. The Longhorns' defense consists of senior libero Heather Kisner and sophomore defensive specialist Sydney Yogi.

Fay said Texas will be a strong competitor, but K-State is determined to win.

"We have nothing to lose," she said. "We have four games left of the season. We're absolutely the underdogs. We're just going to go in there and give it all we can and hope to maybe knock them off."



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Senior middle blocker, **Kelsey Chipman** spikes the ball into the outstretched arms of Texas' **Juliann Faucette** during K-State's loss against the Longhorns in October. The Wildcats and Longhorns will play again tonight in Austin, Texas.



# National event offers novel writers challenge of completion

By Bethaney Wallace  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

While it took Mark Twain more than seven years to complete his literary classic, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,” a recent No. 1 New York Times best seller was written in just 30 days.

“Water for Elephants” by Sara Gruen reached the Times’ coveted position in 2007 after she wrote the book during an event known as National Novel Writing Month.

The event is a writing marathon where participants write a 175-page, 50,000-word novel throughout November.

Last year, the event had about 119,000 participants nationwide, yielding 21,683 winners, which are those who complete their novel.

William Hsu, associate professor of computing and information sciences and the event’s municipal liaison for Manhattan, participated in his first writing month in 2004 at the request of his friends. Hsu said he has written every year since, with the exception of 2006.

As Manhattan’s liaison, Hsu coordinates online discussions and group meetings where writers share their work and help one another push through any writer’s blocks. Hsu will also plan a “Thank God It’s Over” party once the Nov. 30 midnight deadline has passed.

This year, 107 Manhattan area residents are taking part in the event, up from last year’s 80, Hsu said. However, the group meetings are more intimate, and so far the largest meeting has yielded



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN  
**William Hsu**, associate professor in computing and information sciences, works in his home Tuesday night on the fifth installment of a novel series he has been working on since 2004, when he first participated in National Novel Writing Month.

eight attendees, Hsu said.

Jasmine Walgren, Junction City resident, decided to participate in 2007 after being invited by a friend. Walgren joined again in 2008, but did not complete the required word count.

“My decision to participate this year specifically stems from the sad fact that I did not win last year,” Walgren said. “I didn’t even make the halfway mark. So this year, it is my goal to beat my last year’s word count.”

While the novel’s volume is regulated, the content is not. Hsu said novel subjects and genres can vary from completely original works to fan fiction, a genre where writers expand or add a unique approach to existing storylines such as “Harry Potter” or anime-based shows.

Walgren said she decided to branch out from her traditional romance writing path.

“My piece for 2009 is a science-fiction/paranormal romance,”

Walgren said. “I am infusing the Star Trek universe with a heaping dose of vampires and werewolves, and to keep close to my normal writing, the forbidden love between an immortal and a human ... similar to the ‘Twilight’ saga.”

John Lein, Fort Riley resident, joined the event for the first time this year. Lein decided to participate after talking with a friend with whom he had shared a short story.

“I decided it would be interest-

ing to try because more often than not, when I try to write a novel or a play, I peter out and stall, leaving plenty of unfinished stories floating around on my laptop,” Lein said. “I thought I might be able to push myself to actually writing one in its entirety by sharing the experience with others.”

Although writers offer one another support, it is up to the participants to keep track of their progress. Hsu said his leadership role helps keep him up to date with his novel’s word count.

“I used to procrastinate until I was a liaison,” said Hsu, who is past his word count average at this time, while Walgren is up to about 25,000 words. The event’s total collective word count for 2009 was up to 1,252,122,668 Tuesday night.

As for the finished novels, Hsu said many writers get their works published, while others are satisfied with simply completing the task. Walgren said her goal for her novel is “simply to write it.”

“I have a few close friends interested in reading it, but it probably won’t go further than that,” Walgren said.

Lein said he would like to get input from a publishing company, but getting published is “a long way off.”

The event is open to anyone and new members are accepted up until its end-of-the-month deadline. For those writers who are on the fence about making such a large commitment, Hsu offered some advice:

“Novel writing is a one-day activity in the sense that ‘One day, I’ll do it.’ That day will never come if you don’t jump in and do it.”

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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

### “UGLY BETTY” FACES CANCELLATION

ABC’s well-known sitcom “Ugly Betty” may be on its way off the air, according to *Eonline.com*.

According to the Web site, the show, which is in its fourth season, is suffering from low ratings, and ABC employees are brainstorming ways to keep it on the air. If ratings do not improve, it could be canceled as soon as May 2010.



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One “Betty mole,” according to *Eonline.com*, said, “The writers have accepted that this season may be the last and are brainstorming endings now.”

The most difficult decision for the writers will be which suitor Betty will finally end up with, according to *Eonline.com*, and three options appear to be Gio, played by Freddy Rodriguez; Daniel, played by Eric Mabius; or Henry, played by Chris Gorham.

According to the Web site, ABC might move the show from Friday night to Wednesday night in an attempt to save it.

“Ugly Betty” recently experienced a resurgence of wit and creativity and has special episodes featuring Christie Brinkley and Shakira in the works, as well as a Fashion Week episode and a “Run Betty Run” episode.

### TEQUILA FAILS TO CONVINCE DISTRICT ATTORNEY LAWSUIT IS NECESSARY

MTV reality star Tila Tequila recently filed a civil lawsuit against Shawne Merriman, her ex-boyfriend who plays for the San Diego Chargers.



TEQUILA

The suit follows a dispute between the two in September, when Tequila said Merriman assaulted her and caused injuries that landed her in the hospital, according to *Eonline.com*.

According to the Web site, in the complaint, Merriman’s assault came after a night of partying and he nearly choked her by grabbing her neck, then shoved her to the ground and kept her, against her will, at his home.

Tequila also claimed in court that Merriman faces a problem with substance abuse and his substance issues paired with his anger management issues prompted the fight. According to *Eonline.com*, Merriman also “humiliated” Tequila for being bisexual.

Merriman said he was simply preventing Tequila from driving home drunk when the incident occurred and had no comments about the lawsuit, according to the Web site.

Tequila provided photographic evidence of bruises on her arms and the substantial physical differences between the two celebrities, but the district attorney in San Diego, Calif., said there was insufficient evidence and declined to prosecute.

### CRAWFORD EXTORTIONIST TURNS HIMSELF IN

The man accused of attempting to extort money from Cindy Crawford turned himself in to German police Monday night, according to *Eonline.com*.



CRAWFORD

According to the Web site, Edis Kayalar found a picture of Crawford and her husband Rande Gerber’s daughter tied to a chair and gagged. The photo was taken by the girl’s nanny during a game of cops and robbers and did not involve any sort of suffering on the girl’s part.

Kayalar told Gerber and Crawford if they did not pay him \$100,000 he would publicize the photo and use it to put the couple in a bad light.

Instead of agreeing to the demand, Gerber and Crawford filed a federal criminal complaint, according to *Eonline.com*. The FBI then issued a warrant for Kayalar in his home country, where he was deported after allegations that he raped and beat his ex-wife and previous girlfriend.

After hearing of the complaint and the warrant for his arrest, Kayalar turned himself in to the police in Stuttgart, Germany, and was charged with one count of extortion.

According to *Eonline.com*, he appeared in court Tuesday and, if convicted, will serve up to two years in jail.

-Compiled by Elena Buckner

# A different perspective



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Alley Stoughton, associate professor in computer and information sciences, is a male-to-female transgender person. She said life at K-State is both difficult and rewarding, and she faces the same challenges other minority’s face.

## Life as a transgender similar to any minority’s

Elena Buckner  
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“If you were interviewing a random person at K-State about any other topic, you wouldn’t ask them intimate details about their bodies – it’s just more personal than you would expect,” said Alley Stoughton, associate professor in computer and information sciences.

Stoughton said she is comfortable in her transgender identity, but said it would be nice not to have to focus on the physical changes her body has gone through when talking about herself.

Stoughton described herself as a passionate person who cares deeply about the things she is involved in, such as computer science research and trying to change laws within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community “through activism and through the ballot box.” She considers herself successful at not holding grudges, giving people second chances and listening to what she calls “angry girl music.”

Although Stoughton identifies herself as transgender (she was born male and identifies mentally, emotionally and physically as female), she has a wife and a daughter from a previous marriage. She also has five cats, one dog and a job in an area of work she loves.

Life at K-State as a transgender person is “both rewarding and hard,” Stoughton said. Her role as a “groundbreaker both in Manhattan and at K-State” is a difficult one. She said while K-State is not hostile toward people within the LGBTQ community, it seems members of the K-State community, especially the upper levels of K-State’s administration, are unwilling or uncomfortable

to publicly state their support of the LGBTQ community.

Chelsey Fritch, senior in humanities, said life at K-State for people who do not consider themselves heterosexual is just like it is for anyone else in a minority group on campus.

“Anyone in a minority group wakes up every day living in a white, straight, male, Protestant world,” Fritch said.

She said that feeling is just as true for someone who is black, Asian or disabled as it is for someone whose sexual identity differs from the majority of the population.

Stoughton described a slightly different feeling for her own life due to the facts that she transitioned while teaching at K-State and has a wife who is not eligible to be on her university-provided medical insurance policy.

Although Stoughton and her wife, Cora Holt, were legally married in Northampton, Mass., this spring, the state of Kansas does not recognize the marriage, so she cannot add her wife to her insurance policy. Stoughton said she thinks the university should consider allowing insurance coverage for domestic partners as a voluntary policy, even though the state does not require it.

Stoughton described many other problems with the way K-State makes itself accessible and supportive of people in the LGBTQ community. For example, she said when she approached the administration about her transition from male to female, it informed her the university does not have any resources to help her, and she was “left to navigate the transition” by herself.

The university could change at the administrative level and make a substantial effect on the atmosphere of

campus as a whole, Stoughton said. She gave the example of the Department of Housing and Dining Services, saying other “more progressive” schools already have policies in place for assigning rooms to people who are transgender, but K-State “hasn’t really started that yet.”

Nick Lander, assistant director for residence life, said Housing and Dining Services has not yet had to deal with many students needing special services due to their sexual identity or orientation.

He said students who are transgender have “a different set of concerns” when it comes to housing, and the most common solution is to assign the person to a suite. Lander said the main concern for many people who are transgender or transitioning is which bathroom to use in a residence hall, and living in a suite usually eliminates that concern.

Stoughton said her experience at K-State has been a good one, but she and Holt are both looking for jobs in Massachusetts. Stoughton described Northampton as a “lovely town” with a unique atmosphere of “a lot of female or women’s energy.” She said this was a refreshing change from more conservative towns like Manhattan, and even other LGBTQ-friendly cities, which she considers more oriented toward gay males.

Stoughton’s life has changed drastically since her decision to transition from male to female, but her basic personality has remained the same.

“For some people, it’s a matter of giving themselves permission to express their emotions according to the gender they identify with,” Stoughton said. “For me, I already gave myself that permission. It was simply a way to be happier and more comfortable with myself.”

## CHALLENGE

# Cinnamon Challenge proves impossible

*A Collegian staff member will be attempting a different infamous challenge each week for the rest of the semester and will document their experiences. Send comments or suggestions, including challenge ideas, to edge@spub.ksu.edu.*

While driving to Norman, Okla., to watch the K-State football team, one of my fellow editors and I had the “brilliant” idea to attempt the infamous “Cinnamon Challenge.”

Basically, the point of the challenge, which has become a *YouTube.com* sensation, is to try to swallow a tablespoon of ground cinnamon in less than a minute without the aid of a beverage.

I had not heard of the challenge before and frankly, I thought it sounded like a breeze. I checked out some videos of others attempting it and found out my speculations were far from accurate.

But, for some reason still unbeknownst

to me or anyone else with an ounce of common sense, I still decided to give it a shot. I was somehow under the incorrect impression I could prove all YouTubers wrong and complete the challenge.

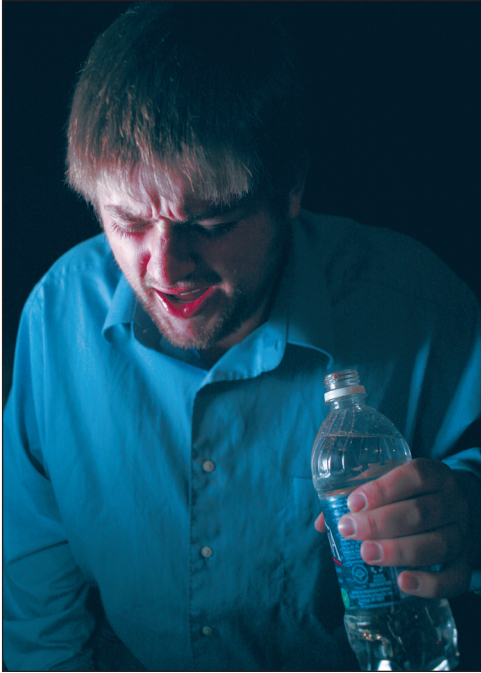
I tried it. I failed. Big surprise.

As soon as I put the cinnamon into my mouth, it felt as though I had swallowed a mouthful of sand. Really hot sand. I immediately started chugging water from the bottle I had in my hand (call me a cheater, I really don’t care) and was hit with an uncontrollable coughing fit. Over half an hour later, my throat still burned and I could not stop sneezing.

Needless to say, it wasn’t a good time.

While I personally hated the experience and gained nothing positive from it, I’m sure there are several people who would cherish the opportunity. OK, not really. No human being should ever put his or herself through that. Period.

Justin Nutter is a senior in print journalism and, he would like to add, a moron for attempting this challenge. Send comments to [edge@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:edge@spub.ksu.edu)



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Justin Nutter, Collegian sports editor, gags trying to eat a spoonful of cinnamon Tuesday afternoon.



# MASON | New provost makes getting to know K-State her first goal

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moting the vision and mission of a land-grant institution; advocacy on behalf of K-State; being engaged at local, state, national and international levels; being fiscally responsible; communicating well; being a team player; knowing one's self and limits; and, above all, having integrity.

Mason currently oversees the operations of six departments and three schools with about 100 tenure-track faculty, many special appointment and adjunct faculty, 4,000 undergraduates and 850 graduate students at CSU.

Additionally, she is a professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition.

Before joining CSU in 2004, Mason was associate dean for extension and associate dean for discovery and engagement in the College of Consumer and Family Sciences at Purdue University.

While at Purdue, she conducted research in the area of trace mineral availability from plant foods. She also taught in the cooperative extension program at Purdue for 20 years.

"I think she brings that experience as an administrator of two other land-grant universities," Schulz said. "I also think she brings a lot of enthusiasm and energy and a real passion for serving as provost."

"She's got a depth of experience as dean and earlier in her career with extension. So if you add all that together, she was about as perfect of a candidate as we could hope for."

Though Mason has a fair background with the structure of land-grant institutions, she said she is ready to find out what sets K-State apart from other institutions.

Mason will replace M. Duane Nellis as provost and senior vice president, who left K-State in June to become

president of the University of Idaho. Associate Provost Ruth Dyer is currently serving as interim provost.

Mason said Dyer and herself recently had dinner together and discussed what awaited her as provost and senior vice president.

"We had a very good conversation of exciting things that are coming up and in the works that I'm excited to get started with," Mason said. "The first goal that I have is to get to know the university."

Mason said though she only has spent three days on campus, she has several ideas already concerning meetings, college visits and getting to know the many university departments.

According to a letter from President Schulz, Mason's yearly salary will be \$305,000. She also will receive standard state health, retirement and life insurance benefits.

According to an additional letter from Schulz, Mason also will receive mon-

# POLICE | Man held on \$10,000 bond

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arrested on Tuesday morning and charged with rape, aggravated battery, criminal sodomy and criminal restraint, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Nicolas Stillwell, 19, was confined on a \$10,000 bond, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD. The incident occurred in the northwest part of Manhattan, and the victim and suspect were acquaintances, according to the report. The victim is in her early 20s, Crosby said.

**FORT RILEY MAN CHARGED WITH SODOMY**

A Fort Riley man was arrested on Monday and charged with aggravated criminal sodomy, according to another RCPD report.

Luis Xavier Castrejon, 24, was arrested at 5 p.m., Crosby said. The incident allegedly occurred between the evening of Nov. 7 and the morning of Nov. 8 in the southeast part of Manhattan. The victim, who was in her early 20s, knew the suspect, according to the report. Castrejon was confined on a \$5,000 bond, Crosby said.

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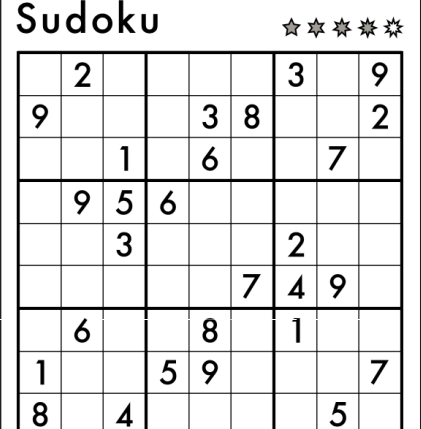
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